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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The Applicants in the above-referenced application respectfully requests a two-month time extension for filing the response to the Office Action mailed 21 February 2006. Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee in the amount of \$450.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1465. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, or if any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 50-1465.

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